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1. WE TOO HAVE HEARD EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN ALONG THE LINES OF PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL. EVEN BEFORE THE BREAKDOWN OF THE PREPCON, ECONOMICS MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY ROHWEDDER EXPRESSED FEAR THAT OUR COMMON EFFORTS TO DEVELOP JOINT POLICIES ON A BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES WITHIN THE IEA WAS RUNNING OUT OF STEAM AND SHOULD BE GIVEN A NEW IMPULSE. THE PREPCON COLLAPSE HAS REINFORCED THIS FEELING IN MANY INFLUENTIAL CIRCLES. CONFIDENTIAL

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IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, ECONOMICS

MINISTRY DEPUTY ENERGY DIRECTOR KITTEL STATED THAT CONTINUED PROGRESS IN THE IEA DEPENDED ON THE NECESSARY LEADERSHIP AND IN HIS VIEW SUCH LEADERSHIP COULD ONLY COME FROM THE US.

2. THE FRG RECOGNIZES THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE SECRETARY AT THE IEA MINISTERIAL IS A CONCRETE EXPRESSION OF THE CONTINUED IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE ONGOING WORK OF THE IEA. FOR THAT REASON, ALTHOUGH ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICHS WOULD NORMALLY REPRESENT THE FRG AT THE MINISTERIAL, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER LL ATTEND THE MAY 27 MEETING IN VIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCED PLANS TO ATTEND. HILLENBRAND

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